

James Bay Bridge, and Public Works
Within the City.

It is to be hoped that some steps will be taken to repair the two bridges upon the Esquimalt road as well as the James Bay Bridge; all are in great want of repair. Perhaps the last mentioned is the most unsafe, in fact we have heard it stated by professional men, that it is so far unsound that its own weight may bring it down any day, whilst those on the Esquimalt road could not be expected to withstand such a concussion as might be caused by a snow or heavily laden barge drifting against the piles. The Town Council have requested the Mayor to communicate with the Colonial Secretary respecting the present condition of James Bay Bridge, and we sincerely hope that something beyond red tape will arise out of the communication. If the Government are prepared to find \$1000, provided the Corporation find whatever may be necessary beyond that sum, to put this bridge into thorough repair, there ought to be no difficulty about the matter, and there can be no valid reason existing for putting off the commencement of the work any longer. No doubt the civil authorities will be desirous to have the work carried on under their own supervision, but if they have no City Surveyor, such amateur inspection of works as could be afforded by the Street Committee, aided by the Mayor, and possibly the Finance Committee, would not be particularly satisfactory. There have been instances of drains constructed by Town Councils, under the supervision of City Surveyors, not carrying off the water from the localities intended to be drained; and it would be awkward if a bridge should fail in carrying passengers safely across it if rebuilt or repaired under similar auspices. We would far rather see some one individual responsible for the work being properly done, and no doubt that individual ought to be the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works; let the Mayor and Corporation by all means exercise a proper control over the city purse, but so long as there is a staff kept up in the Land Office, who are paid very largely in proportion to the work done, we cannot see why, if there is nothing else that they can do, they should not be temporarily employed on the bridges adjacent to the Capital and public offices. Indeed it is not impossible that some co-operation between the Government and Corporation, in works of public necessity within the city, might be productive of good. All the town sites in the Colony have been originally laid out by the Land Office; whether or not with a view to any system of drainage we cannot say, but we must assume that this most important consideration cannot have been entirely overlooked. It is high time that proper measures should be taken to have the City of Victoria properly drained. Another matter of growing importance to owners of town lots, is the proper settlement of boundaries; if a private individual wishes to build upon his lot on Kane street, Vancouver street, or in any other locality where the adjacent lots are not enclosed, he in the first place, applies to such surveyor as he thinks proper to employ, who fixes the boundaries for him, and no sooner has the owner put up his fence than he is immediately warned that he is off the line; in consternation he calls in a second surveyor, whose limits differ perhaps by feet, from the first; in despair he calls in a third professional, and either endeavours to strike a mean, or adopts the opinion of the surveyor he considers most accurate, or takes the boundaries most favorable to himself and encloses his lot with a brick wall, confident that no jury will require him to move a permanent improvement, even if it may chance to be a little off the line. This seems of no great consequence now when a few inches more or less of frontage is not of material consequence, but when the value of city land is increased to such an extent as to make the inches worth fighting for, it will be too late to commence settling the boundaries. The Corporation would do well to look to this matter in time; whether or not there is anyone in the Land Office competent to mark off every street and every lot in the city, we cannot say; doubtless there are men in the town fully competent to

do so, and if the Council in conjunction with the Land Office would employ whoever is the most competent for this work at a moderate salary, the money would be well spent. A scale of fees might be adopted, to be payable by all private individuals putting up buildings or fences within the city, for a certificate of boundaries, without which not a post should be allowed to be put into the ground; those fees in stirring times would go a long way towards paying the salary of the surveyor. A boundary commission to consist of a member of the Land Office with two or three surveyors practising their profession within the city, might also be appointed with great advantage to the public, who should have power to settle all disputed points, and so save endless disputes and actions at law hereafter.

Mainland Interior Correspondence.

Near Clinton, 16th Aug, 1868.
EDITOR COLONIST.—Some of your readers may have a bucolic turn of mind, and might like me to dwell on statistical details respecting produce per acre, size of turnips, &c. But the generally, I take it, will limit their interest to the broad questions of agriculture, as it affects the general welfare. Your valuable cotemporary at Yale, the *Examiner*, is doing much real good by drawing attention to the advisability of rotating the crops, and as a necessary consequence, to the introduction of turnips as a staple article of produce. It is a common saying, without which, our lands would soon be hopelessly exhausted. It would be useless however for me to urge reasons in favor of its adoption, as in so doing I should be simply reiterating what has already been so ably done in that periodical. I shall therefore pass to other subjects. The editor of the *Farmer's Library* in the New York edition of *Stephens' Book on the Farm*, makes this remarkable observation in one of his notes in which I fully concur: 'With no degree of exaggeration it has been said that England's national power has its root in the turnips.' I believe in mangel wurtzel, I love rutabagas, I hold fast by the yellow turnip. In them I see the beef that won our battles; I see the 'roast beef of Old England' reigning supreme at our Christmas dinners, in them I see the beef that won our battles; that gave broadside for broadside till victory was hailed to our flagstaffs, that builds up the powerful frame of the Anglo-Saxon race. But all this cheer, all this glory, does not deaden within me the remembrance of the golden and purple grape, its sparkling wines that rejoice the heart of man, nor the large profits to be realized in its culture, manufacture and trade.

THE CULTURE OF THE GRAPE.

I have a vision of the wild and weird benches of our two great rivers relieved by the graceful foliage of the vine and the purple clusters of the grape, alternating with the richer 'bottoms' and their golden harvests of grain, and resulting in the taskard of rich, mellow wine, as familiar in the household as I hope to see the bowl of home brewed ale. What a boon to the country! How many would it not reconcile to it as a home? Nor can I admit that this glowing picture should class me as a mere visionary, for it is grounded on possible facts. It is well known that where the tomato and melon grow to perfection, as they do in the valleys of the Thompson and Fraser, there need be no fear for the vine as it is a far harder plant. The pursuit is at once so attractive, the remuneration so great that I wonder at some of our French and Italian fellow colonists not having thought themselves of this promising investment. I know however one exception, a Provencal, who had his success in the mines realized his hopes, would have gladly engaged in this enterprise, seeing no hindrance to its complete success, neither in the quality of the soil nor in the nature of the climate. There are numberless benches along our great rivers utterly worthless for grain crops through want of water, which would grow the vine to perfection, and would thus be added as a source of wealth to the Colony. The great mistake is in supposing that the vine requires rich soil. The more barren and rocky it is, provided the roots are well manured, the richer and sweeter the grape from the increased concentration of dry heat, as is the case on the volcanic ledges of Mount Vesuvius. The winters are by no means so severe upon the vineyard as one would at first suppose, especially if sheltered from the north wind. The vine grows to perfection on the mountain slopes of the Alps, where the cold, if anything, is more intense than in this country, and along the Rhine where the climate much resembles that of the Lower Fraser. I can see no reason why we should not grow our equivalent of the 'Rhine wine,' 'Palernian,' 'Lacryma Christi,' and the 'Golden wine of the Lebanon,' if only the spots be carefully chosen for the planting, and the proper amount of skill secured for its cultivation. Neither is the time to wait for a return—three years, very long, which we think nothing for an orchard. Planted at a proper depth—three feet, and skillfully pruned, and perhaps the stems sheltered in winter with wraps of straw, there need be no fear as to the result—a good vintage. Then look at the large sum that yearly finds its way to San Francisco to cash our wine bill, good part of which in that event would go to swell the income of our own people. The advantages which would accrue to us from the culture of the vine are so many and so self-evident, that it is enough to suggest this industry for those to present themselves vividly to the mind. It would be interesting and much to the purpose could we have some statistics from the great wine-growers in California and Australia. Oh! if our friends of the Latin Church

would send us a few of those many Francis-cans from Ethen, from Syria, to put up for themselves and us this 'liquid treasure upon earth,' they would indeed be performing a real Catholic good. If our judicial friend of the Lillooet would desist from his thankless task of listening to Chinese fables, and turn his attention to the manufacture of Tokay, which, as an Austrian officer, he must doubtless have tasted straight from the Emperor's cellar, how we should love him! How well he would deserve of the country! To be continued.

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September 4th, 1868.

CARD OF THANKS.

I HEREBY TENDER MY SINCERE thanks to the Members of the Victoria Fire Department and others, who were successful in subduing the fire on Wednesday night, whereby my cottages on Pembroke street were saved.

W. HEBBARD.
Victoria, B. C., Sept. 4th, 1868.

Road Tax, 1868—Esquimalt District.

THE STATUTE LABOUR IN THE above District will be called out immediately at the close of harvesting works. Tenders are required and will be received till the 11th September, from Settlers in the District and others, to repair that portion of the Craigflower Road, late in Victoria West.

By order,
EDWARD MALLANDRAINE,
Clerk and Assessor for the Boards of Road Commission.
Victoria, B. C., Sept. 4th, 1868.

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[We state that we do know, and testify to that we have seen.—En. Colonist.]

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